RUINS OF MERGUR SHOWN by "NEWS" PHOTOGRAPHER

Mercuz After the Conflagration

ale Ruin and Desolation are Everywhere Present the People are Hopeful of the Future, and Expect to See the Great Gold Camp with Larger and Better Houses Than Before.

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thriving little camp there now is ckness and a waste that is sickenwhat Mercur has had to lize in the last couple of days. It not an encouraging thing to have

But these people are undaunted. hey are not only going to rebuild thei. vn, but they are going to make it substantial and more concenred. It will be a better place to live

en to the hillsides in self-protec n. To save anything was an impos-

Joe Keough, a machinist in the mill, ils as graphically as anybody down the beginning of the fire. "I an explosion," he said, "a rever heard before. Of course, we hear lately from the premature Fourth of July celebrations that are carried on by small hove That this was not like ! nything I had ever heard. It was der-ten times as loud.

"I rushed to the door of the mill and looked out. It was very evident that ! the explosion came from the Oquirrh hotel. A great mass of flames extended 30 feet in the air through a hole in the roof. They died down in an in-Mant. Then it seemed almost five minutes, although it may not have been nearly that long, before any other evimass of black smoke came from the hole in the roof, lasting. I should say, a couple of minutes. There were no signs of flames until a minute or sq later, when the flames came again, shooting straight in the air.

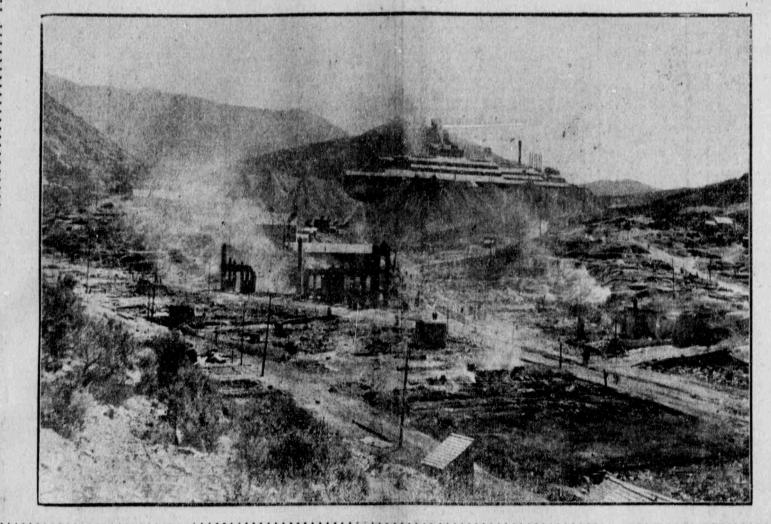
"It wasn't more than five minutes. then, before the buildings across the treet were on fire, blazing fiercely. "I never saw such a blaze in my life, and I never hope to see such another, Imagine a hundred dry old lumber gards piled one on top of another and saturated with kerosene-all burning.

Then you will see, in some measure,

what that fire looked to me. Up on the

greur is awakening. This is the dump at the mill I could feel the heat against my face-hot enough to be uncomfortable. Up and down both sides of the street the fire worked, eating everything in sight. There was a roar and a crackling of burning timber that deafened me, It was the most aw fully fascinating sight I ever beheld."

The rapidity with which the fire burned can be faintly imagined when it is realized that in two hours a quarter apon the people that their town of a million dollars worth of property had been converted into ashes. And today Mercur does not look like most places after a fire. One usually sees half burned wooden frame structures still standing with pieces of charred wood standing about. There is nothing of that kind at Mercur. Everything except the brick walls of McCornick's bank and the Union Mercantile company is level with the ground. In the



GENERAL VIEW OF BURNED DISTRICT SHOWING THE GREAT GOLDEN GATE MILL IN THE BACKGROUND.

Dewey Doubted Aguinaldo.

Began to Suspect Him When He Demurzed to Moving Out of Cavite When American Troops Arrived-Admits That the Filipino Leader Conducted Himself in a Dignified Mannez-About Manila's Surrendez.

Washington, June 27 .- Admiral Dewey | Aguinaldo his "cordial co-operation" ontinued his testimony before the sente committee on the Philippines today. Replying to questions put by Senator Patterson he said that he had begun negotiations with the governor-general of the Philippines, Gen. Jaudens, for the surrender of the city and the negotiations were conducted through the Belgian consul, who, after the death of the British consul, had been very courteous in acting as a go-between. It was a diplomatic negotiation, no letters being written. The admiral said he had informed Gen. Merritt of the proffer of Gen. Jaudens but he did not believe that Merritt had taken "much stock in it. I assured him that such was the case said the admiral, "but told him of the arrangement that before the surrender should take place I was to engage an outlying fort and make the signal, occording to the international code, 'Do you surrender?' after which the Spanards were to hoist the white flag on se southern bastion. I may say that I

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> reply to further questions, but when Mr. Patterson persisted he added: "He was a very able man—an able consul."
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> Mr. Patterson then read Mr. Wildman's letter of July 18, 1896, saying that Aguinaldo had conducted himself in a dignified manner, etc., and the acdintral said he had become suspicio of that leader before the receipt of his

> as the consul had reported. For the purpose of making inquiry concerning some of the representations of Consul-

General Wildman, located an Hing-kong, Mr. Patterson asked concerning that gentleman's character. The ad-

miral apparently hesitated to reply but

was the United States consul-general." He added that he would prefer not to

'He's dead-I'd rather not say. He

or that leader before the receipt of his proclamation on July 15. He said: "I began to suspect that he was not loyal to us when he demurred to moving out of Cavite when our troops arrive!," "You mean that they were thinking more of their own independence than of mar."

Admiral Dewey also testified concerning the arms sent to Manila by Aguinaldo and Senator Deltrich asked the admira! is "he did not believe that the arms were purchased with money previously paid by Spain to secure peace and that it was his intention to use the money to foment another insurrection." for the purpose of gain.
The admiral's reply was "exactly so."

Admiral Dowey said he had forward-d the proclamations of Aguinaldo to Washington without reading them.
"The days and nights were not los enough for my work at that time," said

Since you have asked my opinion," said he, in answer to a question, will say I believe Aguinaldo was there independence never entered his head."

Senator Carmack asked him why he furnished such a man arms and beiped organize his army, to which the ad-miral replied that "All was fair in troops in the islands to oppose the

When he assisted Aguinaldo he did not call him a robbber and plunderer, but the "insurgent leader.
"I say I think he was there for loot and money," he continued.
"Do you think he was there for any-

thing else?" he asked turning to Sen-ator Carmack. "I do," responded the senator.
"Well, I am sure I don't," said the admiral emphatically. Answering several questions, the admiral said he thought he knew Aguinaldo better than Gen Otis or any other officer as he knew more of him. "He had not been in Manila 48 hours

before I knew he was there for loot. He was then taking everything he could lay his hands on from everybody, and I expect he got the lion's share." The examination ended rather abruptly at 1 o'clock. Senator Car-

mack asked: "You do not know of a single dishonest act on the part of Aguinaldo, yet you regard him as a thief?" Admiral Dewey said: "I think I shant answer that question," and takshant answer that question," and tak-ing his hat and bowing, left the room. The examination of the admiral will continue tomorrow.

CHINA MOB DESTROYS MISSION BUILDINGS.

Pekin, June 27 .- The viceroy of the province of Szeh-Chuang has notified the government that the American and British mission buildings at Tien Ku Chao have been destroyed by a mob and that a missionary has been murdered. His name and nationality was not reported. An imperial edict just issued deprives the local magis-trate of Tien Ku Chao of his rank and orders the extermination of the rioters. Several of the leaders of the outbreak are reported to have been beheald. Apparently this was an anti-indemnity riot, like those which have occurred

ENGLISH HOBOES ON THE RAMPAGE.

London, June 27.-The provincial "hoboes" in several minor towns who were deprived of their expected feasts and the opportunity to maffick, indulged in angry demonstrations against the local authorities who had prepayed dinners and festivities. Smashing windows was the favorite form of protest. In some cases the "hoolgans" lit the bonfires which had been p-pared for the celebration of the coronation. The most serious disturbances occurred at Watford, 15 miles from London. During the early hours of this

don. During the early hours of this morning a mob overpowered the police, wrecked several shops and set fire to a store owned by the chairman of the town council. A number of special constables were sworn in and the disturbance was Paris-Vienna All for Nothing .. London, June 27 .- Advices received

here from Adis Abeba, capital of Abys-

thusiastic. The admiral did not however, remember to have promised to they expect to arrive in September.





KPAFT BOALDING HOUSE THE ONLY ONE OF THE KIND THAT ES-CAPED THE CONFLAGRATION.

CUR'S DESTITUTE PEOPLE.

The good work of soliciting for money and provisions for the destitute and stricken people of Mercur goes on apace. The movement in this direction was greatly accelerated last evening when Governor Wells personally took the matter in hand. He found a ready response from those to whom he presented the subscription list. The Desertt News gladly subscribed \$100 and will be pleased to receive donations itself, guaranteeing that they will be forwarded to the proper authorities for distribution. Z. C. M. I. gave \$150; and several of the banks gave \$100 each. The largest individual amount-\$200-was given by C. F. Keith, while the Elks are down for \$300; the Walker Brothers for \$150; Mayor Thompson, O. J. Salisbury and the Tribune for \$160 each. A contribution that will rank among the heaviest and which will be much appreciated is that of 100 sacks of flour given by President Joseph F. Smith as trustee-in-trust of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Later-This afternoon the Consolidated Mercur came gallantly to the front with \$500.

The subscriptions in detail follow: Joseph F. Smith (flour) \$ 225 Walker Brothers Deseret News 100 Z. C. M. I..... 150 P. O. E. Deseret National bank 100 C. F. Keith
George T. Odeil
W. W. Riter
John C. Cutler
W. H. McIntyre Mayor Ezra Thompson

TODAY'S SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Total\$2,925

The contributions today were most satisfactory, as will be seen from the following list, which the "News" received from Governor Wells this afternoon:

Zion's Savings & T. Co... Commercial National James Hogle Dinwoodey Furniture Co... James Chipman Consolidated Mercur \$ 500 Brown, Terry, Woodruff 100 Wood Grocer company 100 National Bank of Republic 100 P. Auerbach & Bro..... 75 Grand total\$3,085 hadistripistologistologistologistologistologistologistologistologistologistologistologistologistologistologist

of course, this applies only to that part of the town affected by the blaze. The rest of the town is still standing—about two-thirds of the residences

SUPPLIES ARE SHORT. So Said Mayor Luft to the "News" This Afternoon

(Special to the "News.") Mercur, June 27.—"Our supplies are running short," said Mayor Luft this afternoon. "We have plenty for today but after tonight we will run pretty close though I am told that Eureka and Lehi will each send contributions this afternoon and that hey will arrive on a special train at 6 o'clock this evening. What we need most is flour, bacon, ham, butter and sugar. A supply of ready made bread would be

very welcome as people are not yet equipped for cooking.

The people are all very well, all things considered and are going to work with a will today though they are dreadfully tired, the reaction hav-ing set in. Some of the old houses down on the west dip section are be-ing moved up and will soon be thrown together. Some tents will go up right away and a store or two will open this afternoon with two or three to follow tomorrow. These will all operate on small scale though they will help somewhat to alleviate the distress that

is upon us. Provisions have been given out today as they were yesterday and they have gone very fast. The fact is the destitution is worse than I at first thought and will last longer than we "In summing things up today I calculate that there were 45 busin ss houses destroyed and 125 residences. I think everybody slept under cover la t night. There is little suffering and not

much sickness aside from a number of cases of scarlet fever which are under careful attention. There is also one case of smallpox, but that is also iso-Fureka Will Help. (Special to the "News,")

Eureka, Utah, June 27,-A mass

meeting was held last night by Mayor Gear for the purpose of taking steps toward the raising of funds for the relief of the people of Mercur. A committee composed of James P. Driscoll, W. E. Shriver, Fred Shoutz, W. D. Cassity, Phil Clarke, M. D. Howlett, Dan Martin, James Crooks and Joseph Wirthtlin was appointed by the mayor to take charge of the relief work. The to take charge of the relief work. The work of raising funds is now in

REVISED LOSSES. List Showing How the Business Dis-

trict Was Affected. As stated in last evening's "News" the loss at Mercur will not exceed \$250, Following is a revised list of losses in the business district, the same as near complete as it is possible to get them at this time: Union Mercantile company, \$75,000

insurance, \$51,000. Oquirrh hotel (C. L. Preble), \$8,000; partially insured. Camp Floyd Electric company, \$4,000; Jordan Narrows electric plant, \$4,000

Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company, \$1,000; insurance, \$800. City hall, \$1,200; insurance, \$1,000. Sam Wing, store and laundry, \$2,500 on building and contents; uninsured.

McInnes & Co., \$3,500; insurance, \$600. Zuckswert, tailor, \$300; uninsured. Mercur Drug company, \$3,500; insur-

Washington restaurant, \$1,000; unin-Scherzinger & Watt, second hand

store, \$500; uninsured.

R. J. Fischer, news and stationery, \$1,500; building, owned by L. L. Wood-ruff, \$500; partial insurance on both. Mrs. Hughes, boarding house, \$300; Fred Wittich, barber, \$150; fully in-

sured.

William Billings, general store, \$750; insurance, \$600; on building, owned by C. C. Higgins, \$2,000; fully insured.

T. W. Sloan & Co., general store, \$4,000; partially insured; loss on building, owned by C. C. Higgins, \$1,200; insured. Gus Peterson, carpenter, \$450; unin-

Mercur Meat & Grocery company,

Prosser house, fixtures and building, \$4,000; partially insured. 0; partially insured. Palmer house, \$5,000; partially in-Dr. Castleman, \$750; uninsured.

Dr. Tate, \$500; uninsured. Miner printing office, \$1,200; uninsured.
M. B. Johnson & Co., \$3,500; insured. Steinman's clothing store, \$8,000; in-

J. W. Robinson, saloon, \$1,500; insurance, \$500. W. H. Peckham, boots and shoes, \$100; uninsured. C. T. Symon, ice cream parlor, \$1,500; L. Joy, photographer, \$1,200; par-

tially insured. Hong Hing, laundry, \$700; uninsured. Union saloon, \$200; uninsured Alma Swenson, grocery, \$800; unin-John Seren, saloon, \$1,500; partially

Mint galoon, \$200; uninsured. Golden Gate saloon, \$1,500; insurance E. C. Farley, barber, \$200. Mercur hotel, \$4,000; partially in-

A! Thompson, saloon, \$750; partially L. D. Clock. jewelry, \$800; insured; loss on building, owned by McCornick & Airis, \$1,500; insured. Mrs. M. Hooper, restaurant, \$450; un-Frank Erath, grocer and baker, \$2,800;

Johnson's livery stable, \$500; unin-Mrs. W. H. Wallis, ice cream parlor, 150; uninsured. Watt's furniture store, \$2,500; insurstoffice, unestimated.

McCornick & Co., bank, \$3,000 on fix-tures; insured. Mrs. Schleip, lodging house, \$500; un-Catholic church, \$2,000; insurance,

KIMBALL'S RISKS.

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RUINS OF McCORNICK BANK BUILDING, ONE OF THE FEW BRICK

AND STONE STRUCTURES IN THE CITY.

Greenwich-C. C. Higgins, \$500 Union Mercantile company, \$2,500 Mc-Cornick & Co., \$600; E. W. Innes, \$500; McCornick & Co., \$500; E. W. Innes, \$500; McCornick & Co., \$500; Union Mercan-tile company, \$3,000; C. L. Preble, \$500. Firemen's Fund-Union Mercantile company, \$8,000; Caldwell Bros., \$500; Union Mercantile company, \$5,900.
National Fire—Mary Gemmell, \$300;
Union Mercantile company, \$5,000; W.
Hillings, \$800; L. D. Clark, \$250; A. C.

Thempson, \$300.

Washington and Providence—M. E. Meheffy, \$400; Rocky Mountain lodge, A. F. & A. M., \$100; J. W. Johnson. \$200; Woodruff Bros., \$200; Union Mer-cantile company, \$1,500; R. J. Fischer, \$250; Mary Gemmell, \$200; E. C. Farley, \$200; J. F. Burton, \$150.

Springfield—Union Mercantile com-pany, \$2,000, \$1,200 and \$2,000; J. H. Butler, \$150; Mercur Meat & Grocery company, \$1,000; C. L. Preble, \$1,000; D. M. Bruno, \$400. Niagara-A. B. Antes, \$400; Lottle

Ehlers, \$200; Ada J. Woodruff, \$200; Lulu K. Janney, \$600. Phoenix of San Francisco-L. L. Woodruff, \$250; K. of P., \$250; C. C. Higgins, \$400; Union Mercantile company, \$1,500; E. A. Barrows, \$350; G. H. Butler, \$150; C. L. Preble, \$2,000; Board f Control, lodge room, \$350. Svea-McCornick & Co., \$1,200.

Union American-Union Mercantile ompany, \$6,509. Greenwich-Union Mercantile com-pany, \$2,500. Svea-Union Mercantile company,

Santiago is Perfectly Quiet. Santiago, June 27 .- The reports cir-

culated in the United States by a news agency of great agitation here among the negro element, who were said to be demanding that the revolutionary army be paid and approving of Gen. Bandera's "plan of taking to the woods," are incorrect. The city and province The risks written by F. D. Kimball & Co., of Mercur, are as follows:
Hamburg-Bremen-Union Mercantile company, \$5,000; G. H. Peterson, \$100;

was the first to discover the flag not-withstanding I had stationed 50 men to look out for it. It was a thick day and chanced to be the first to discover it He also said he had read the testi-mony of Gen. MacArthur, saying that he knew of no agreeement of the kind mentioned but that it had not been his (Dewey's) business to communicate with any one except the commanding

Asked by Mr. Pattersen to explain his statement that Gen. Merritt had not accepted the report that the Spaniards had agreed to capitulate, Admiral Dewey said that was only his belief "I don't believe," he said, "that the general entirely trusted the Spanish

authorities. Still he did not say so in so many words. I may add that I have since learned that some of the Spanish officers were tempted to fire at us. Even my own flag lieutenant did not accept their proffer as in the best faith. I knew, however, that they would surrender, for I understood the straits Replying to a question as to whether

the agreement to surrender had been made public at the time of the attack upon Mantia, Admiral Dewey said he thought not. There are," he said, "lots of things which are not communicated to the

Mr. Patterson sought to secure from Admiral Dewey an admission that Aguinaldo had issued a proclamation of independence to the Filipinos about the time of the sinking of the Spanish squadron, but the admiral said he did not remember it, although it was possi-

ble that he might have done so.

Mr. Patterson then read the paper
forwarded by Consul-General Pratt,
May 20, 1898, in which the Philippine leader said that providence had opened the way for independence to Filipinos and spoke of the Americans as their liberators.

The admiral said, however, that he did not remember to have seen the paper. He had, he said given Aguinaldo a printing press and probably he used this press for getting out his procla-

In reply to a question the admiraf said that Consul Williams who had

sinia, announce the safe arrival there of Fitzhugh Whitehouse of Newport, R. I., and Lord Hindlip, who started from England, Feb. I, on an exploring trip to the upper Nile. Both of the travelers were well and

had thus far enjoyed a successful trip. They were cordially welcomed by King Menelik. The explorers were to con-